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Hon. B. F. Maasey, Secretary of State under Governor Stewart's administration, died in St. Louis last week.

The Republicans of Maine are holding indignation meetings over the action of Gov. Garcelon in "counting in" and "counting out."

An exchange says a postmaster in Ohio was recently fined \$50 for reading a postal card that passed through his office. That story is too thin. State something with more body to it.

The bullet which entered the chest of Mayor Kallach, of San Francisco, last August, and that has, since his convalescence, caused him considerable trouble, has been extracted from his left arm pit.

Gen. Walker, the superintendent of the census department says no appointments will be made on partisan grounds in his department. All that is very pretty talk but still none but Republicans will be appointed.

The state fund commissioners drew their requisition and obtained a warrant on the treasurer, Monday, for \$420,000 to pay the interest on the state debt, maturing in New York on the first of January.

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Mr. William McKee, the principal owner of the Globe Democrat, the leading Republican paper of the state, died suddenly from the effect of a paralytic stroke, in St. Louis on Friday night last.

Turner, of the Carrollton Record, says he is glad the Republicans were counted on in Maine. Please say that over again and say it slow, that we may be certain that we do not mistake your meaning.

The legislature of Maine will meet on the 7th of January and proceed to the election of Gov. Garcelon's successor and other state officers. There will also be a number of contested seats in both houses to engage the attention of the session.

The Democrats will stand firmly in favor of greenbacks in Congress this winter. The fact is, the Democratic party is the friend of the people and will not permit the people's money to be destroyed to please John Sherman and the money power of the country who control him.

Mr. Praley, president of the National Board of Trade, has presented an argument to the House committee on commerce, favoring the creation of a federal commission to regulate freight and passenger rates on inter state lines of railways.

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The radicals pay an unintentional compliment to the Democrats. They say, the stealing of Maine will break up the Democratic party. But the radicals stole three states in 1876 and found that it greatly strengthened them with their adherents.

The next Republican National Convention will be held in Chicago on the 3rd day of next June. Aspirants for a Republican nomination for President and Vice-President of the United States, can now begin work in earnest. Hyena Blaine seems to be gaining ground among the stalwarts.

Since the selection of Chicago as the place for holding the Republican National Convention, the Presidential "boomers" are felicitating themselves on the fact that there are fourteen thousand liquor saloons in that city. It is a great pity that the last Legislature did not enact the Bell Punch law. It would have filled the State Treasury to overflowing during the session of the Rep. Nat. Con.

If you neglect to vote one way or the other on the bond compromise question and are careless about the matter, the bond holders will conclude that you have not the energy to fight the matter further and will get a mandamus on the county court to compel a tax levy to pay off the judgments now against the county. You had better attend to this business while you have an opportunity.

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The St. Louis Times' Washington correspondent thinks the election of Don Cameron as Chairman of the Republican Central Committee, and the selection of Chicago as the place for holding the next National Convention, means that Grant is to be the Republican nominee for the Presidency. His idea is that Chicago was selected in the interest of Grant.

GOVERNOR OF MAINE.

The Sodalita Democrat of last Sunday contained the following complimentary words to Governor Garcelon of Maine, for his action in counting the vote recently in that state:

"Governor Garcelon is both the hero and the prophet of the new regime. He sees that party spirit is today in the United States is superior to every other sentiment, emotion, or principle. He saw the Presidency stolen and the Republicans rejoicing over the successful consummation of the deed. He saw the condemnation of the business interest of the whole country made of the fraud. He saw Tilden sold and sacrificed. He saw Republicanism jubilant, rampant, defiant. He knew that if he could arouse the blood in the sluggish veins of the Democracy and make it flow as the blood of a soldier when from the far front comes the first few skirmishing shots, all the future would be before it, stirring with battle scenes and radiant with victory. He needed to strike but a blow, and he struck it. One can hear his echoes today, from Portland to the Pacific. It has put iron into the blood of every Democrat from Moose Head Lake to the Gulf of California. Never mind the right or the justice of the thing just now—although it was buttressed up on right and justice—that can be discussed later on. What concerns the Democracy just now above everything else, is the issue made. The wresting of Maine from the hands of the Republicans will naturally infuriate them. Reprisals will follow surely. Nothing but the Democrats will rally to resist. Party spirit, that precious yet remorseless curse of Republics, will be evoked. Somehow, no matter how, the black flag on either side will be lifted, and then what? *Vae Victis!*"

When the Democratic party is united as one man, and as it has been united in the days of its glory and its courage, nothing that lives to-day in the shape of political organizations in the country can stand before it, let the fight be in any shape it may."

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Our friend D. J. Heaston, State Senator from this district, has written a letter to the Bethany Broad-Ex, in which he explains his action on the school book question in the legislature last winter. His letter closes as follows:

"A bill was introduced into the Senate which had my earnest support, proposing to establish a state board to select school books for the use of all common schools in the state, provided terms could be arranged with the publishers to secure them at a reduction of not less than forty per cent. below the present price. The bill provided that the committee should consist of the State Superintendent, President of the State University and the Presidents of the three Normal Schools, and the Presidents of the Board of Education of St. Louis, St. Joseph, Kansas City and Springfield. This would secure the selection of nine worthy men whom the people in different ways had selected for responsible positions, and distinguished and incorruptible educators. This bill would have saved to the people of the state over \$100,000 annually. If the people do not tie their hands for five years and will urge the adoption of some such measure as that above alluded to, they can secure its adoption. Should I be spared to occupy a seat in the next State Senate I shall use my best endeavors to secure the passage of such a measure, believing as I do that it is to the interest of the people."

I will ask the *Clipper*, in justice to myself, to copy this short communication. Yours, &c. D. J. HEASTON.

Two brick business houses were burned in Chillicothe on Sunday night last, being on Henry Leeper and Thos. B. Bratton. Losses: E. G. Cloyd, boot and shoe store, loss \$5,500, insurance \$4,000; Jas. L. Davis, law office, loss \$2,000, insurance \$2,000; Henry Leeper, building \$2,000, no insurance; Michael & Weisel, cigars, loss \$2,000, no insurance; W. Norville, law office, loss \$1,200, no insurance; Thos. B. Bratton, building \$3,300 insurance \$2,500. It is not known how the fire originated.

The daughter of Mr. J. Smith, a farmer living near Mendon, Charlton county, committed suicide on Wednesday morning of last week by hanging herself. She ate breakfast with the family, but was found hanging to a fence post, about an hour after-ward. She was about twenty-five years of age. No cause is assigned for the rash deed."

A special to the Sodalita Democrat, dated Lexington, December 12th, says: Officers of the Burlington and Southwestern railroad company have been here all day examining the surroundings, etc., and sounded the river below Lexington. Our people feel much interested in this proposed road which we think will be built.

Carrollton Democrat: Mr. E. G. Martin, President of the Carroll Exchange Bank, marketed seven hogs a few days ago that averaged 170 pounds each.

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Read any paragraph in these books and see if it sounds child-like, natural, and makes common sense. Scrutinize the grammar, punctuation, construction of sentences, gradation, adaptation of matter to the comprehension of the minds of the children for which it was intended, and you can but determine the books a failure.

Book making is an art, and needs a life-long apprenticeship in order to produce a successful work. One head, producing variety, accuracy, suitable selections, is necessary. The Appleton series of Readers have been made by EIGHT PERSONS, five males and three females, neither of whom ever inside a reading book, or assisted in making one before.

There is a lack of system, accuracy, gradation, adaptation and common sense running through the series, and perceptible on every page. Again, the books have not been recognized by leading educators of merit in our series. They are an experiment, and where tried are unsuccessful, as many teachers in Minnesota will testify.

This becomes a critical era for the schools, on account of the mandatory law concerning text books, which are to hold for their five years succeeding their adoption. Take Appleton's First Readers for instance. See lesson 3. A PEACOCK who has had no special phonetic drill, would find it very difficult, in so short a time, to LEARN so many sounds.

The following extraordinary spectacle of word-making! Can a child who has not passed twenty pages in the First Reader, make words? Infant word-making! On page 21 will be found a striking illustration of a literary contortion, never before exhibited, in the "drawing process."

A specimen "language lesson" First Reader, "Tree, A Tree, An Apple Tree, Green, Green Grass, A Green Tree, Sweet, A Sweet Apple." A wonderful anomaly! Then on page 22, "The word book, in what is called 'vocal drill,' the following brainy(?) edition of "Little Frog, Little Frog, Sing for Tom."

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On page 61, this spirit of literary contortions display their knowledge of something which they call "CRITICAL MARKINGS." In this we see the first display of hieroglyphics which have been substituted by them in place of the time honored rhetorical marking of Webster and Worcester. This marking has not even the virtue of a system, much less the authority of a criterion.

On page 80 appears "The Bird from and the Bird." "Shadows of Mother Goose, defend us!" In this lesson we find the remarkable mental fertility of this illustrious equal of authors.

Will they right dress, and please explain how they teach the child language on page 81? The illustrations in lesson 23 might apply among Fiji Islanders, where the authors were at a loss for words adapted to the comprehension of the average common mind. Children in the First Reader, are required to re-inforce the exhausted energies of their intellects, by the repetition of eight, and complete the unfinished sentences.

Again, the children are put into composition before they are taught to read. The script in the Second Reader which is headed by the vendor of the Appleton tract as a re-educating feature of the series, would disgrace the sign language of a Creek Indian, and he would make his mark every time instead.

In the Second Reader, page 131, "A night with a Wolf," might have been rejected composition originally intended to appear in Beadle's Dime series of novels. It is sheer nonsense, and belongs to that class of literature which parents desire to keep out of their children's heads. This octagonal squad of authors must have severely taxed their speculative intellects and mutilated with care the old Roman table of Roundus being nursed by a wolf.

Will one of the authors enlighten us on the pronunciation of "optics" on page 127? Is it best to train children in sat eloquence? In the Fifth Reader, page 15, the learned squad for the first time try their hands at original composition, in their definition of eloquence. "All good eloquence," they say, "must be founded on good thinking. This leads to appreciation of what that is, to right feeling; and right thinking and feeling lead to the best vocal expression."

We find the "ear marks" of one of the figure heads. Again, on page 16, we find a singular spectacle. The writer seems to be struggling with the idea that he is making an author of the child, by his work. In the Fifth Reader, on page 16, the numerous authors of these series, lost in the labyrinth of their "thinking and writing," without "differentiating" between selection—the subject before the pupil—and their crude attempts to "conize" on "judicial" the minutiae of "Lottor."

Again, how bold and explicit are the "directions to the pupil," on pages 47 and 48. It is to be regretted that the teacher could not have possessed the courage and fortitude to pursue the process here hinted upon, in the construction of their pseudo work.

See page 55. Read the comments on dogs, &c. How instructive! See page 69. What can a child 12 years of age, understand about "Reading Note Ideas," or about "Fine Work of Emotional Expression?" See page 95, 28. Imagine the disgust of the pupil over the request of these stupid authors, who require him to scan poetry before he has even reached syntax in Grammar! See page 117. It is observed that Appleton's wonderful Fifth Reader is copyrighted into a work on "Grammatical Definitions." Oh! ridiculous birth! Help, Grammarians! On the other side, McGuffey's series of Readers are the acknowledged standard in this great State of Missouri, and have been adopted and are in use at this time in upwards of 80 counties of 114 in the State. They are popular everywhere and are known among the best extant. L. S. HOLDEN.

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